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RRN for January 25th....

Rapid River News test concluded! The Office of the Ogema has announced that the trial period for the Rapid River News is finished and it has been concluded that the RRN is worthwhile information for the Tribal membership. You may now find it on the tribal website at www.lrboi.com along with the Tribal newspaper, *Currents*.

- **Spring Membership Meeting Announced!** The Spring Meeting will be held at the Three Fires Conference Center on March 24th. Further details on the meeting schedule will be released as they become available. (Ogema)
- **Three Fires Primary Candidate Forum.** Approximately 100 Tribal Citizens attended the Candidate Forum where 23 of the 34 candidates spoke. (Election Board)
- **Primary Election.** The Election Board announced that the Primary Election will be on February 23rd. (Election Board)
- **General Election Candidate Forum scheduled.** At the request of membership and with the agreement of the Election Board, a Candidate Forum for the General Election will be held on March 25th at the Three Fires Conference Center. Doors open at noon for a meet-and-greet and Candidate speeches will begin at 1 p.m. The format will be the same as with the Primary Forum held January 20th. This forum is open to all General Election slated candidates at no cost as the facility is donated by the Little River Casino and Resort. This is in accordance with tribal election law. (PIDir)
- **Energy Fair 2007 Announced.** The Energy Fair at the Manistee County Fair Grounds has been announced for June 22, 23 and 24. Initial meetings are now being held. (PI)
- **Planning Department.** The Planning Department is currently working on a project to have all blueprints scanned and saved in a TIF format. We will then have an electronic copy that we can update with our Auto-Cad program. (Planning)
- **CFO Named for Tribe.** Dennis Maddox has accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer for the Tribe and began in his office on 1.15.2007 (Finance)

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- **Tutoring.** Update on the tutoring/homework helper that starts this week. There has been a good response to the program and the slots for January and February are full. There are five people on the waiting list, SO PLEASE CALL 398-6717 TO CANCEL IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED TIME SLOT. We would like to help everyone who would like to take advantage of the program and we are considering other options that will allow us to serve more students. If you or your child are on the waiting list, please be patient while we consider all options and choose the appropriate plan. (Education)
- **Commodity Department.** The Department received notice regarding their recent survey stating that, "This will acknowledge receipt of the August 8, 2006 environmental health survey for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Food Distribution Program. The review was conducted and prepared by Theresa Gallagher, Environmental Health Officer Rhinelander I.H.S. District Office.

In review of the survey, we wish to commend your Program for its continued efforts in the maintenance of your facility." Congratulations to Commodities!

- **Members Assistance.** Here is information on the Community Wellbeing and Support Payments and when the survey will be mailed.

Tribal Council approved resolution #07-0117-33 Setting Community Wellbeing and Support Program Payments for 2007. The amount is: Members reaching age 18 on or before Dec. 31, 2007 will receive \$1500.00. Members who will not reach 18 on or before Dec. 31, 2007 will receive \$500.00.

This program is eligible to members enrolled as of January 1st of the program year. The survey will be mailed out Feb. 1st, 2007 to the eligible members' active address on file with the Enrollment Department. They will be processed in the order they are received by date.

Program surveys must be received post marked on or before November 1st of the program year 2007 to be eligible to participate in this program. The department must receive the original survey mailed to them completely filled out, signed and dated. If member requires verification that the Members Assistance Department has received their survey they can certify mail survey at their own expense

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